

Career Choices Research Project

Due Date: _____

“What do you want to be when you grow up?”

I am sure that you’ve been asked this question a million times, and while you may be tired of it, this ten word question is actually quite important! You may think that your career and job will start “a long way off” from now, but starting to plan for the future right now is a very smart idea! When you get to the point of selecting your career, you want to be able to have a choice, don’t you?

For our research project this year, we will begin to explore your career interests and take the time to learn about what your job really means. In researching your career opportunities, you must answer the following questions:

- 1) What would be your job responsibilities in this profession?
- 2) How do you prepare to be successful for this career (i.e. what education, certifications will you need, etc.)?
- 3) What are the pros and cons of this profession?
- 4) What is the salary range of jobs in this profession? (Starting, median, maximum, averages)
- 5) Is this a job that will be marketable in the next 10 years? After doing this research, are you still interested in this profession? Why or why not?

****PreAP only**

- 6) What are some other interesting facts you learned through this research?

To help answer these questions, you need to use the library resources and website provided to you by your teacher. You may NOT use Wikipedia or any search engine (Google, etc.) without prior approval from your teacher.

You will learn how to take notes from these resources and how to create a bibliography that cites where you got your information from. You will be responsible for completing the Cornell notes over each question and you will turn in your notes, your bibliography and this sheet (the rubric) in when you present your project.

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In the end, your grade will be based upon three things:

1) Your PowerPoint Presentation: You must include (a) a title slide (career choice and your name must be on it); (b) a slide for each question listed above; (c) at least one image on each slide. You will present your slide show discussing the main points and what you have learned.

2) Your essay should outline your questions. It should be well written, edited and revised, and follow Mr. Harris's typed guidelines. If you do not type your essay then you lose 10 points.

3) Your Bibliography: Using Easybib.com, properly cite each source used. You must use at least one print source (a book or encyclopedia), and at least two websites. Bibliography should be attached to slide show and essay.

****PreAP: required interview (live or via email)**

You may use more than three sources, but three is the minimum. (PreAP: 4 minimum)

3.) Your notes that you take to compile your research.

Your grade will be divided up as follows:

Research Paper (typed 10 points)	____/35
Presentation and PowerPoint Slides	____/35
Completed Easybib Bibliography	____/15
Research Skills (All notes submitted)	____/15
Final Grade:	_____/100

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